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## **Statement on the passing of Dr. Lester Carter**

**From Milwaukee Common Council Members:**

**Alderman Khalif J. Rainey, Alderman Ashanti Hamilton, Alderman Nik Kovac, Alderman Robert J. Bauman, Alderwoman Nikiya Dodd, Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs, Alderwoman JoCasta Zamarripa, Alderwoman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Michael J. Murphy, Alderman Mark A. Borkowski, Alderman José G. Pérez, Alderman Scott Spiker and Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II.**

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of Dr. Lester Carter, a longtime community anchor and business trailblazer, and we want to share our sincere condolences with his loved ones and friends.

Dr. Carter owned and operated the Carter Drug Store at 24<sup>th</sup> and Burleigh for 47 years, and he touched thousands of lives in positive ways during his time in business and beyond. He helped improve the overall quality of life for community members, and as we remember his service, we think of his special touch.

Not only did you come to Dr. Carter's store to get a prescription for whatever your ailment was, but he was also a source of inspiration. When you left his store, you were going to feel better before you even took that first pill or applied that ointment.

Dr. Carter, who the Common Council approved an honorary street renaming for in 2018, was a true community treasure (and legend) and will be sorely missed but not forgotten.

Rest in peace, Doc.